

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Cancel)

Claim 2. (canceled)

Claim 3. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ and N-tert-Butyl- α -(2-sulfophenyl)nitron as active ingredients.

Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (previously amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ and one or more nitrones as active ingredients.

Claim 6. (canceled)

Claim 7. (previously amended) A method of reducing Glu induced neurotoxicity in brain, spinal cord and/or retina comprising administering to a patient a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ as an active ingredient under time and conditions to treat said Glu induced neurotoxicity.

Claim 8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said administering comprises administering to said patient the composition via oral, parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, transdermal, intrathecal, rectal or intranasal routes.

Claim 9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (Previously Amended) A method of reducing Glu induced neurotoxicity in brain, spinal cord and/or retina comprising administering to a patient a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of (a) pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ and (b) N-

tert-Butyl- α -(2-sulfohenyl) nitron or a free radical scavenging nitron that enhances the effects of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ under time and conditions to treat said Glu induced neurotoxicity.

Claim 11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said administering comprises administering to said patient the composition via oral, parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, transdermal, intrathecal, rectal or intranasal routes.

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (previously amended) A method of preventing Glu induced neurotoxicity in brain, spinal cord and/or retina comprising administering to a patient a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ as an active ingredient under time and conditions to treat said Glu induced neurotoxicity.

Claim 14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (canceled)